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HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications
and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-19

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find a redacted version of the Initial Brief of The Berkshire Gas Company (the "Company") in support of its petition in DTE 02-19. As the Brief addresses certain confidential matters, non-redacted copies of the Initial Brief are being supplied only to the Hearing Officer, the Attorney General and the Division of Energy Resources. The Company respectfully requests that the redacted portions of the Initial Brief be accorded confidential treatment for the reasons stated in the April 5, 2002 Motion for Confidentiality.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to these matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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